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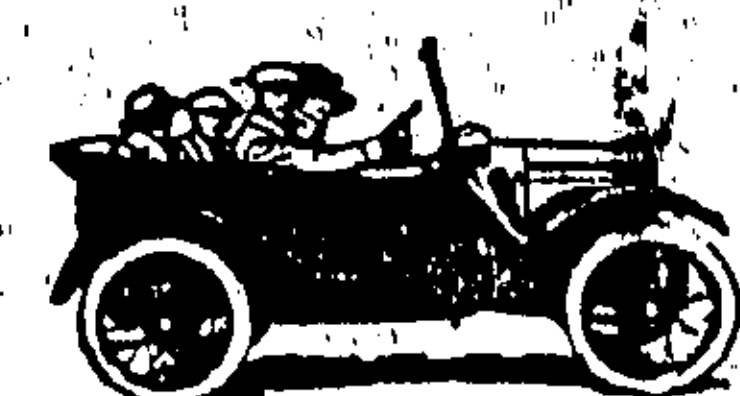
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ARMED BANDITS. HONGKONG PEOPLE KIDNAPPED. STARTLING AFFAIR.

Daylight Raid Near Tsun Wan.

To-day Hongkong had its first experience of armed bandits
forcibly carrying off people, presumably for ransom, in the best
Canton manner.

Only meagre details have
reached Police Headquarters re-
garding the startling occurrence.
About 9.30 this morning, three
young Chinese, each flourishing a
revolver, entered a small village
near Tsun Wan (which is on the
mainland and further from Kow-
loon than Laichikok). They
marched off a man and a woman
at the revolver point. The man
is believed to be a farmer. As no
attempt was made to rob the
house where the victims live, it is
thought that the bandits had as
their sole object the carrying off
of the man and woman for
ransom.

As some time must elapse
before even preliminary negotia-
tions are opened for ransom, this
crime cannot very well be dis-
missed as part of the usual China
New Year epidemic. Accord-
ingly, it is surmised that the coup
was deliberate and premeditated.

The crime-to-day resembles the
raids made on communities up-
country. Hitherto Hongkong has
had one kidnapping sensation but
this was not brought off openly.
A Canton schoolboy who was
spending his holidays in Hong-
kong was asked to visit the
monastery at Castle Peak. The
motor car stopped at a lonely
spot. Two or three men started
a conversation with the party of
boys and induced them to go on
board a small sampan, ostensibly
to purchase garoupa fish. When
the sampan had gone out a little
distance, the boys were threaten-
ed with firearms and subsequent-
ly taken away to Chinese ter-
ritory. Several months later, the
Canton boy was released, thanks
to a raid, at which members of
the Hongkong Police were pre-
sent, by a detachment of Chan
Kwing-ming's soldiers on a rob-
ber stronghold not far from
British territory.

Surmise arises as to the
chances of this morning's culprits
getting away with their captives.
With the system of Police com-
munication brought to what it is,
all out-stations would be advised
as soon as the message got
through to Central and all likely
points of departure on the main-
land would be closely watched.
However, there is a possibility of
miscreants deciding to hide in
Hongkong till the hue and cry
subsides.

Years ago, before the Revolu-
tion and when the Manchus held
sway in Kwangtung, a Chinese
from the Pun U district (in which
Canton is partly situated) was
brought down to Hongkong by his
captors and not released till ran-
som had been paid.

By means of threats that he
would be put to death, that his
relatives would be killed and that

SUICIDE PACT. SINGAPORE EUROPEAN JAILED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, January 15.
U. G. Richards pleaded guilty
at the assizes to attempted suicide
and abetment of the suicide of his
wife. He was sentenced to six
months' jail on the first charge and
three months on the second, the
sentences to be concurrent.

ARMS EVIL.

Two American seamen were
charged with selling a pistol and
fined \$350 each.

GERMAN CABINET.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, January 15.
The list of Herr Luther's Cabinet
confirms the forecast as regards
its complexion. In addition to
Herr Strassmann and Neuhaus it
includes as Minister of Interior
Herr Schiele, leader of the German
National Party, Minister of Posts
and telegraphs Herr Stingl, of the
Bavarian People's Party, Minister
of Finance, Herr Gessler, and
Minister of Labour, Herr Brauns.

"HULLOI" POLICE STATION TELEPHONES. HOW THEY WORK.

"CHINA MAIL" REPORTER'S
INVESTIGATIONS.

Inquiries have been made at
Police headquarters by the "China
Mail," following the letter from
Mr. John Arnold regarding his
telephoning on Sunday evening to
report an attack by armed robbers
on the village at Telegraph Bay.

No record of Mr. Arnold's mes-
sage is on the books but the
Police have an entry of a telephone
message from Mr. A. G. Hewitt,
the architect, who gave the in-
formation about the robbery.

On the switchboard at the Police
Headquarters telephone ex-
change are twenty five numbers.
Four of these are vacant. No. 11
is the one on the desk
of the inspector on duty in the
Central Station charge room. No.
15 is the instrument in the "side-

MISSIONARIES CAPTURED BY CHINESE BANDITS.



MISSIONARIES CAPTURED BY CHINESE BANDITS.
This photograph shows a group of missionary nuns reported to have been captured
by Chinese bandits. They are Sisters Maria Loretta Halligan, Patricia Rose Hurley, Marie
Electra McDermott, Marie Finan Griffin and Mary Devota Ross. They were travelling
from Chenfuchow to another city in the north-western part of Hunan. A dozen priests,
also members of the same party, were captured.

CHINA'S WAR.

INTERRED THEN RESTIVE.

(By Courtesy of "Daily Bulletin.")

Peking, January 15.

The reports to the effect that Wu
Pei-fu and Hsiao Yao-nan are con-
nected with Chi Hsieh-yuan's re-
sumption of hostilities are not
credited in official circles.

Shanghai, January 15.

The defeated and interned troops
numbering some 10,000, are caus-
ing apprehension, as they are suf-
fering considerable discomfort in the
internment camps, in spite of the
efforts to provide food to the in-
ternees.

Three days of incessant rain have
added to their discomforts. The
men are grumbling and restive.
Hence there is some danger that
they may break out and start
looting.

H.M.S. Carlisle and American
and Japanese cruisers each landed
100 Marines this morning, and also
60 Italians and 25 more French
were landed to assist the police in
dealing with the menace.

Peking, January 15.

Tuan Chi-jui recently sent his
confidential counsellor, General
Tin Hsi-yuan, to interview Feng
Yu-hsiang, after which it was
rumoured that Feng Yu-hsiang
had resolved to take up his post
of Tupan of the North-West
Frontier, but no official statement
could be obtained.

Feng Yu-hsiang has now start-
ed for Kalgan, and it is reported
that he intends to assume his post
and establish headquarters at
Pingtehchuan, near Tatingfu.

This report is creating a
favourable reaction from the re-
cent pessimism, which is based
largely on the knowledge that
Feng Yu-hsiang is continuing to
recruit extensively, although he
already controls some 60,000 men,
not counting Sun Yueh's and Hu
Ching-yi's forces.

room

at the back of charge room.
The telephone clerk on duty
that night states that the exchange
bell rang and somebody speak-
ing in English, to whom he
replied also in English, asked
for the inspector on duty. He was
immediately connected to No. 11.

About a minute later another man,
speaking in English, rang up and
he was put on to No. 15.

The inspector on duty heard the
telephone in the side-room ring
and he attended it, thereby taking
down Mr. Hewitt's message.

On duty simultaneously in the
charge room are a European ser-
geant and a Chinese interpreter,
who would have answered the
telephone on the inspector's desk
if the bell had rung in his absence.
Knowing that inquiries are only
put on to that telephone when they
ask for the "inspector on duty," it
would be natural for them to speak
in English.

However, it appears that the
bell did not ring and the person
who rang up first, presumably Mr.
Arnold, did not get on to the
inspector.

During the last two days, a
"China Mail" reporter has been
shown the working of the Police
telephone exchange. With the
exception of the hours from mid-
night to eight in the morning when
only one clerk is on duty, there
are always two operators at work.
On Saturday nights, Sundays and
holidays, there is only one operator
on duty.

It is the practice of the clerks to
answer the public telephone in
English, the usual procedure being
to say "Police Telephone Ex-
change" to whom do you wish
to speak? Should the person
ringing up speak in Chinese, the
clerk would naturally reply in
Chinese.

No question is asked if the in-
quirer requests to be put on to some
specific person or department. But
if the inquirer makes a statement
concerning an armed robbery, it
is taken down and at once passed
on.

Evidently, something went
wrong with the mechanism on
Sunday night as the clerk main-
tains that he switched on both No.
11 and No. 15, but the inspector
only heard No. 11 ring. The Police

think that Mr. Arnold's message

did not get through on that account
but they are at loss to explain the
reply by the telephone clerk, as
alleged by Mr. Arnold, to be
"something in Chinese."

The public telephone switch-
board in the room has an addi-
tional instrument, used for taking
down messages when a person,
ringing up asks specifically that
this be done. Accordingly, the
switchboard receiver is free to
receive further messages. It can-
not be that somebody else was
speaking in Chinese, to the clerk
when Mr. Arnold rang up and that
his message became confused with
it as the clerk only had the two
calls, viz., the one from Mr.
Hewitt and the other believed to
be from Mr. Arnold.

In addition to the switchboard,
the room is also fitted up with two
Government telephones which are
connected with the exchange in
the Post Office building and also
give direct communication with all
divisional stations, even as far as
Taipei, so that urgent messages
can be broadcast simultaneously.

At some of the bigger and
"town" police stations, a telephone
clerk is on duty; at others the duty
of attending the telephone devolves
on the sergeant on duty in the
charge room or the interpreter who
also speaks English.

The following district stations
have "public" telephones:—
Wanchai (No. 2), West Point (No.
7), Mount Gough (The Peak),
Shaokwan, Hunghom, Kowloon
City, Tsim-sha-tui (Water Police),
Yau-mat and Shamshuipo. The
others are connected by the
Government service.

HOCKEY.

H.K.H.C. v. "TAMAR."

The following will represent the
H.K.H.C. first eleven on Wednes-
day next at 5 p.m. sharp at the
U.S.R.C. against the "Tamar"—
F. W. F. Mills, A. A. Dand, H.
Owen-Fletcher, the Rev. E. W. L.
Makin, E. J. R. Mitchell (Captain),
J. P. Ralph, G. R. More, Lieut.
Jones, W. I. Woodward, E. L. Sim
and B. D. Evans.

HEALTH PROBLEMS.

WILL FAR EAST PORTS BE GRADED?

HONGKONG'S POSITION.

Facilities For Combating Disease.

It is the investigations of the men of science that have made
habitable such outposts of the Empire as Hongkong, and the Colony
is honoured by the selection of its University as that most suited
to house the distinguished gathering that will assemble there
throughout the coming week.

The occasion is the joint con-
ference of the China Medical
Missionary Association and the
Hongkong and China Branch of
the British Medical Association.
Although the papers read are said
to be of a very technical nature,
the public will have an opportunity
of showing its interest and its
appreciation of the selection of
Hongkong as the rendezvous by
attendance at the public lectures,
which will be given in easily
accessible places, details of which
are not yet to hand.

"The questions to be dealt with
are of general rather than parti-
cular local interest," said Dr. J. B.
Addison, Principal Civil Medical
Officer, when approached by a
"China Mail" representative in his
office at the Government Civil
Hospital this morning. He added
that, although he did not know
from what point of view it was
going to be treated, a question of
great importance to Hongkong
was that on which a paper was to
be read—"The League of Nations
Grading of Far Eastern Ports."

"This matter has already been
referred to in the Legislative
Council when it was pointed out
that it had not been stated that
Hongkong was a third or fourth
rate port. The idea is that the
grade shall be according to the
requirements laid by the ports
in the way of facilities for com-
bating disease."

"I shall be attending the Con-
ference which is shortly to be held
at Singapore at which this matter
will be discussed," added Dr.
Addison. "The proposal is that
there should be a sort of epidemic
bureau established there to collect
news of what is happening in
other ports as to the prevalence of
disease, and pass it on."

Asked if he thought Hongkong
would be the subject of any dis-
cussion arising out of the reading
of the paper at next week's con-
ference, Dr. Addison said that it
was difficult to say, but questions
could not be gone into in any great
detail as there were only ten
minutes provided for discussion
after the reading of papers.

A history of plague in Hong-
kong by Dr. A. G. M. Severn and
another paper of particular
interest to Hongkong (on the
administration of water chlorina-
tion by Dr. E. P. Minnett) will be
given at the conference.

CANADA'S THREAT.

MAY WITHDRAW FROM
WEMBLEY.

MOTOR TRADE DISPUTE.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, January 15.
The representatives of several
Canadian motor manufacturers
cabled the Canadian Government
yesterday with reference to the
ban on exhibiting in the British
Empire Exhibition imposed by the
Society of Motor Manufacturers
and Traders who announced
yesterday that members exhibiting
at Wembley would be forbidden
to exhibit at the annual show at
Olympia.

The Canadian Government, in
reply, cabled the Canadian Exhi-
bition Commissioner instructing him
officially to protest against inter-
ference with would-be exhibitors
by a trade organisation, adding
that if a satisfactory solution is
not found Canada, as a last resort,
will withdraw from participation
at Wembley.

ITALY'S POLITICS.

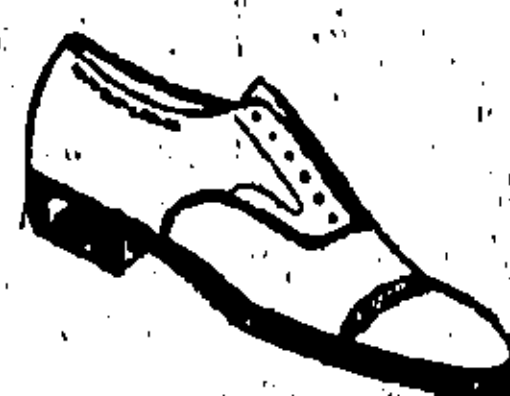
PROTEST AGAINST
DESPOTISM.

(Reuter's Service.)

ROME, January 15.
The Opposition, headed by
Signora Giolitti, Orlando, Salandra,
has presented a strongly worded
resolution in the chamber declar-
ing that in view of the Govern-
ment's encroachments on the
liberty of the subject, discussion
of the electoral bill is injurious.

Though it is regarded as a
foregone conclusion that the
resolution, which is bound to lead
to a motion of confidence, will be
defeated, it is believed, the
Opposition is hopeful that a bold
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sonalities of the old regime will
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NETHERLANDS BANK.

DISCOUNT RATE REDUCED.

Amsterdam, January 15.

The Netherlands Bank has reduced the rate of discount by one-half per cent.—Reuter.

GERMAN TRADE.

The markets of Central and South-Eastern Europe are practically non-existent at present.

Western Europe, which before the war absorbed 52 per cent. of German exports is under the necessity of economising in every country.

The Allies to balance budgets and pay their debts, the neutrals as a result of being involved in the general economic disorganisation.

In the Continent of America the United States takes refuge behind a tariff barrier, while the Argentine and Brazil are unable to purchase extensively owing to their reduced sales of raw materials to impoverished Europe. There does not seem any likelihood in the near future that Asia and other undeveloped countries will be able to provide extensive new markets.

The genius of German industrialists in the matter of commercial policy is notorious, and it will not doubt be afforded scope by the following facts:—By Article 280 of the Treaty of Versailles "one sided most favoured nation treatment" from Germany to the Allies was to cease five years after the ratification of the Treaty unless the Council of the League of Nations gave Germany 12 months notice to the contrary effect. The period for giving notice expired on January 10, 1924, and the obligation will expire on January 10, 1925. The Germans are preparing an active commercial policy to put into operation after that date, and it will no doubt be of some assistance to them in the

task of penetrating the markets of the world. But this factor by itself would not count for much in the face of such overwhelming difficulties.—"Engineering."

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, January 16, 1925.

On London..... 2/4

Bank Wire..... 2/4

On demand..... 2/4 1/2

31 day's sight..... 2/4 1/2

4 months' sight..... 2/4 1/2

Documentary, 4 months sight..... 2/4 1/2

On Paris..... 10/0

On demand..... 10/0

On New York..... 51/2

On demand..... 51/2

On Bombay..... 51/2

On Calcutta..... 51/2

On Shanghai..... 100

On demand..... 100

On Hongkong..... 111

On demand..... 111

On Yokohama..... 144 1/2

On demand..... 144 1/2

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tola)..... 48.60

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)..... 8.36

Silver (per tola)..... 2.32 1/2

Hongkong 50 cents sub..... 6 1/2 pm.

" 10 "..... 6 1/2 pm.

Canton coins..... 5 1/2 pm.

Far Silver in Hongkong..... 10 1/2 pm.

Chinese Copper Cash..... 10 1/2 pm.

Chinese Copper Cents..... 8 1/2 pm.

Rate of Native Interest..... 7 1/2 pm.

Chinese Sub. Coin..... 2 1/2 pm.

Hongkong Sub. Coin..... 1 1/2 pm.

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Bronchitis leaves a bad cough. So does influenza and a gripe, but these hard, lingering coughs yield easily to the healing and curative qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Good for troublesome night coughs, too. For sale everywhere.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

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S.S. "LAONIA" ... Sails about 4th Feb.

HOMEWARD FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE.

S.S. "NUMIDIA" ... Sails about 25th Feb.
S.S. "VEN-ZIA" ... Sails about 7th Mar.
S.S. "FIUME-L" ... Sails about 7th Mar.
S.S. "LAONIA" ... Sails about 9th Mar.

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ALPS MARU ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
BIORE JARU ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
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SHINOH MARU ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
AMUR MARU ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
INDUS MARU ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
SAIGON ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
KISHU MARU ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
HAGUE MARU ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
INDO MARU ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
VICTORIA ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai) ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
NEW YORK ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
ARGON MARU ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
BAYRE MARU (From Shanghai) ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
JAPAN PORTS ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
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PARIS MARU ... 1st Jan. ... 8th Mar.
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SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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Hongkong 1. April 1924.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 16.—Coronet Theatre
Cythera.
January 16.—Star Theatre:
Kosla.
January 16.—Queen's Theatre,
"Beyond the Rocks"; also The
Manila Vaudeville Co.
January 16.—World Theatre,
"The Demi-Virgins".
January 16 and 17.—Hong-
kong A.D.C.'s production, "St.
Joan", 9 p.m.
January 21.—"Hongkong
A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan",
4.30 p.m.
January 23.—Variety show
from Home, at Theatre Royal.

SOCIAL.
January 17.—Dance at Crai-
gengower Club.

January 22.—Musical at
Helena May Institute, 4.30 p.m.
January 23.—Fancy Dress
Ball in the Grill Room, Hong-
kong Hotel, 8 p.m. to midnight.

SPORTS.

January 31.—Hongkong Box-
ing Association tournament in
City Hall.February 16-17-18-21.—Hong-
kong Jockey Club Annual Race
Meetings.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

January 16.—Lammert Bros.,
at Sales Room, postage stamps,
5.16 p.m.January 20.—Lammert Bros.,
at No. 6, Victoria View, Nathan
Road, Kowloon, household furni-
ture, 2.45 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

January 17.—First ordinary
meeting of the Hongkong De-
velopment, Building and Savings
Society, Ltd., at the City Hall,
Hall, noon.February 2.—Twenty-seventh
annual meeting of the Star Ferry
Co., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., noon.February 19.—One hundred
and fifth meeting of shareholders
of the Hongkong, Canton and
Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at
4A Des Voeux Road, noon.February 10.—Thirty-seventh
meeting of shareholders of the
Hongkong Land Investment and
Agency Co., Ltd., at the Offices of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Ltd., noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.

January 20.—Joint conference
of China Medical Missionary
Association and the H.K. and
China Branch of British Medical
Association opens at City Hall.January 22.—Extraordinary
general meeting of the H.K.
Jockey Club, H.K. Club annex,
5.30 p.m.January 30.—Annual meeting
of seafarers and subscribers of
St. John's Cathedral, in the
Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Tis.

Langkats ... 21 Buyers.
Ewos ... 12 50 Buyers.
Shanghai Dock ... 107 Buyers.
New Engineering ... 7 Buyers.
Orientals ... 4 Buyers.
Shanghai Cottons ... 58 Buyers.
The above, kindly supplied by
Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the
opening quotations on the Shanghai
market this morning.

London, January 15.—Professor
Southill, supporting Sir John
Jordan's letter to the "Times," says
there is nothing whatever visionary
in believing that when China again
has settled down, the Government
will be successful in an attack on
opium is made. If Sir John Jordan's
1007 parri passu policy was now
adopted, it might again prove
equally and happily embarrassing
—Reuter.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON RESERVES v.
CLUB RESERVES.The Kowloon F.C. reserves are
to meet H.K.F.C. reserves in a
(second division) league match, on
the Kowloon ground, kick-off at
2.30 p.m. sharp to-morrow.

TEAMS:—

Kowloon Reserves:—C. Stewart;
W. H. Brown, B. Rasmussen;
S. Randle, C. Morris, A. E.
Latham, C. Millard, A. Fitzgerald,
A. Spary. Reserves, A. Tram-
birzky, W. H. Parratt.

Club Reserves:—F. Angus, S. O.
Hill, O. Lyon (Capt.), S. H. Garrod,
A. Ferguson, G. Punccheon, B. Bell,
E. Raiton, J. Douglas, D. Cameron,
J. Dixon. Reserve, E. Roberts.

K.C.C. v. R.A.

The following have been selected
to represent the Kowloon
Cricket Club:—H. Overy, S. Jex,
J. C. Lyal, F. Goodwin, Geo. Lee,
A. R. F. Raven, R. C. Wittchell,
J. H. Hendle, W. F. J. Gorvin,
K. R. Macaskill and A. J. Kew.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Kiangsu, (Br.) B. & S., from
Singapore, Swatow.
Washing, (Br.) J. M. & Co., from
Shanghai, Swatow.

Fieldstrand, (Nor.) K. Larssen
& Co., from Kongmun.Hancor, (Am.) A. O. Line,
from Port Arthur, Swatow.Oldekerk, (Dut.) J. C. J. L., from
Hamburg, Manila.Tjibodas, (Dut.) J. C. J. L., from
Batavia, Balikpapan.Ryusei Maru, (Jap.) Yamashita,
from Keelung.Lushan Maru, (Jap.) N. Y. K.,
from Shanghai, Swatow.Taitso Maru, (Jap.) M. B. K.,
from Canton.Wa Sun, (Chi.) Pak Hong, from
Shanmi.

DEPARTURES.

Hai Cheong, (Port) Hai On, for
Kwan-chow wan.Taisena, (Chi.) Yau Fat, for
Kwan-chow wan.Lok Sang, (Br.) J. M. & Co., for
Hoiphong, Holhow.Changsha, (Br.) B. & S., for
Melbourne, Manila.Sui Yik, (Chi.) Fook Hoi, for
Shanmi.Wa Sun, (Chi.) Pak Hang, for
Shanmi.Siang Bee, (Br.) Tuen Kee, for
Amoy.Hai Ning, (Br.) Douglas, for
Fochow, Swatow.Lok Sun, (Br.) Yuen Sing Fat,
for Saigon.Tyndarus, (Br.) B. & S., for
Yokohama, Shanghai.Philoctetes, (Br.) B. & S., for
Vancouver, Miike.NOTICE TO SHIPPERS
AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

SWATOW.

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SHANGHAI.

Jan. 17.—C. N. Luchow.
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HAIKOW VIA HOIHOW.

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we do claim that since the A.D.C. can both present an acknowledged masterpiece with professional success and secure crowded houses for every performance, to stage anything in the future but plays by the greater dramatists would be to trifle with the abilities of the players and to misjudge the public. Let these words should chance to meet the eye of a Home entrepreneur, however, we would hasten to add that for reasons apparent above, they cannot be taken as a promising support for a "professional" company, a fact which is a sad commentary upon the appeal of classical drama in Hongkong.

The Gold Standard.

The mystery that has surrounded the visit of Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, to New York, which has been the subject of much Press speculation, has been cleared up by the announcement that an arrangement has been entered into between Mr. Norman and Mr. Benjamin Strong, Governor of the Reserve Bank of New York, for the British Government to return to the gold standard. We are told that the American authorities are impressed with the British financial policy, and think that when the pound sterling reaches parity, it will remain there, and then it will be safe for London again to be a free gold market. It is only natural that the continued rise in the American exchange should bring the question of the final return of the pound sterling to, and its stabilization at, the pre-war value of 123 grains of fine gold or 4.86-2/3rd American dollars into the region of practical politics. As sterling approaches to par there is always the grave risk that the speculative operators, who have helped it on its way in order to profit by its appreciation, may reverse their tactics when they see the margin of possible profit vanishing almost to zero while the risk of loss remains. This position was foreshadowed by a Home financial paper at the beginning of last month, and it asked what British policy would be when sterling continues to rise until the distance which separates it from parity becomes insignificant, until it reaches \$4.75 or more. It further asked: "Are we to make a definite and determined effort to annihilate the remaining few cents, to drive our currency to parity and, having got it there, to keep it there; or are we to continue the policy of masterly inactivity, to let the exchange take its course and perhaps to see it drift downward into the abyss?" The alternative, it was pointed out, would be to take bold measures, to declare that the time has come when the gold standard can be re-established, and, if necessary, to raise a credit in America—as France has done—to ensure successful stabilization. The credit would very likely not need to be drawn upon; its *raison d'être* would be rather to frustrate any speculative "bear raid" upon the pound. That would be one of the great advantages of a gold currency; and it is, therefore, good news to learn that an agreement has been made between London and New York for the British Government to return to the gold standard.

Allied Unity.

No event since the conclusion of the Great War has created such widespread interest as the Finance Conference of the Allies in Paris, which has concluded an agreement, which has been well described as an epoch in the reconstruction of Europe. As in the long weary years between 1914 and 1918, the Allies have come together as one strong, inflexible person, and revealed a degree of harmony that is a striking tribute to the desire of all the participants in the Conference to settle the vexed question of inter-Allied debts once and for all. It is gratifying to find that the rights of Great Britain have been fully protected, even in the controversial matter of her financial relations with the United States. It cannot be forgotten that the British burden in the war was not inferior to that borne by any other Allied nation. For that reason alone, Great Britain was entitled to respect from every quarter at the historic Conference just signally concluded. The financial burdens of Great Britain have been incomparably greater since the war than those of any other victorious nation. She paid all her own expenses during the war; she has discharged, and has been discharging, since then, all her liabilities incurred during the war. That policy has imposed the greatest sacrifices upon the British taxpayers. No other victorious nation has been making similar or equal sacrifices. British taxation has been higher than that of any other country; and moreover, these taxes have been and are being paid. For all these reasons there is reason to compliment the British representatives at the Finance Conference on securing in the agreement all that was asked. The settlement, just reached may therefore be regarded as the forerunner of the consolidation and increasing re-establishment of British credit throughout the whole world. And upon that will hinge the future commercial prosperity of the whole British Empire. There are other phases of the agreement entered into by the Finance Committee in Paris that may be worthy of comment, but these must naturally take second place beside the effect of that agreement on British finance and British credit.

BURGLAR'S FALL

CAPTURE, TRIAL, AND SENTENCE.

A Chinese was charged yesterday before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy with attempted burglary at No. 69, Woosung Street, Yau-mai, and with theft of clothing.

In the early hours of November 24, the accused attempted to escape from the first floor of the above premises on his presence being noticed by an inmate. Missing his footing, he fell from the verandah into the street, and was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital. A few days later, having slightly recovered from his injuries, the man made another bid for freedom with the hospital clothing supplied to him, but the police arrested him again.

The accused, who had a previous conviction against him, was sentenced to three months' hard labour on the first charge and fourteen days' imprisonment on the second, the sentences to run concurrently.

TYPICAL WEATHER

DISLIKED BY PEDESTRIANS.

"Typically Chinese New Year weather" was the remark with which most people looked out upon the inhospitable elements last night, and buttoned up their overcoats collars if they had to go out to brave them.

This morning again the leaden skies and damp streets presented a cheerless appearance, and the intermittent drizzle occasionally developed into a real downpour.

Half an inch of rain fell for the twenty-four hours ended at ten o'clock this morning, the "China Mail" learned on enquiry from Mr. T. F. Claxton, director of the Royal Observatory. The heaviest downpour was that between 8.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

BOAT-WOMAN SENT FOR TRIAL.

The successful raid on a sampan a week ago by Sub-Inspector K. W. Andrew, when he discovered no fewer than 23 firearms and 9,200 rounds of ammunition, was described in detail at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

In connection with this seizure, a boat-woman was charged with the unlawful possession of the arms. Mr. N. L. Brewer defended. After hearing evidence, including that of a sampan boy, the accused was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

MR. HALLIFAX THE ONLY RECIPIENT.

MALAYA DRAWS A BLANK.

We have waited until noon to-day, says the "Straits Echo," of January 2, in order to be able to congratulate the Malayan recipients of New Year Honours, but so far we have had no news whatever of any having come this way. Indeed, beyond a solitary "C.M.G." for Mr. E. R. Hallifax, of Hongkong—at which everybody who knows that amiable gentleman and capable officer will rejoice—the list received through Reuter yesterday makes no mention at all of any Far Eastern names and we are almost driven to the conclusion that on this occasion Malaya has drawn a blank. That would be hard to understand, for among the unofficials a former Penang merchant and public man now resident in Singapore has surely earned a knighthood, while everybody expects the editor of the "Straits Times," who is shortly due to retire, to be given the reward of many years' faithful service to the community in the shape of K.B.E.—anything less would be an insult, in view of the precedents established in India and the Dominions. However, we believe that nominations in the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire are generally reserved for the Birthday Honours, though two ladies figure in the list we publish to-day as Dames Grand Cross; so perhaps we shall find the omission as regards Straits unofficials made good in June. But even if that is so, what of the Malayan Civil Service? Are we to believe that neither in the Colony, the F.M.S., nor the Unfederated States has there been found a single officer worthy of a "K." or a "C.M.G." or even an "I.S.O."? The idea is ridiculous, and we wish we were in a position to explain what, in the words of a former Colonial Secretary, can only be described as a regular Feast of the Passover. How the service itself regards this rather pointed failure to recognise its legitimate claims to a fair share of the orders and decorations awarded at this season of the year, we do not know; but we do know that the general community feels very strongly that Malaya has a distinct grievance both as regards officials and unofficials in the matter of the New Year and Birthday Honours.

"ST. JOAN."

THE THIRD NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE.

ANOTHER IMPRESSION.

The professional has the pull over the amateur in the representation of drama by reason of the fact that he is known to so few of his audience in any other capacity than that of an actor, and is thus able to influence his hearers without having to divert thoughts which have flowed into opposite channels by almost unconscious association of the would-be director with entirely extraneous circumstances.

The "China Mail" representative who, by the operation of the factors controlling the economic law of supply and demand in regard to tickets and their distribution to the individual units making up the human element in a newspaper office, was able to witness the third night's presentation by the Hongkong A.D.C. of Bernard Shaw's great play "St. Joan," found himself handicapped by reason of the very factor outlined above. But he both enjoyed himself and was made to realise that he was listening to a great play performed really well.

With the fast moving plot, changing scenes, and rapid dialogue neither players nor hearers have time to dwell on the personal idiosyncrasies but in a play of the nature of "St. Joan" they have every opportunity to make themselves felt. The effect is really not unpleasant, and perhaps it is unfair to make it a point of criticism when so much appreciation could be written, but the main critique of the play has already appeared in the "China Mail"; this is in the nature of an impression, and it is often the smallest things which cling to the mind with the greatest tenacity.

If the written impression is to correspond with the actual experience, however, the closing note must be one of genuine appreciation—of the pains that have been taken by the players—and those responsible for the production, and of the performance of Mrs. Beale in particular. She must have shown "St. Joan" in a new light to most of those who have seen her in the part; and it is the opinion that Bernard Shaw would have them see.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

COMMENT ON TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

INTERPORT DETAILS.

[By "Dutchie"]
The following is the programme for to-morrow:—

LEAGUE—2nd Division.

Drums v. Surreys, Sookumpoo ground.
Sacred Heart v. University, St. Joseph's ground.
Kowloon v. Club, Kowloon ground.
Club de Rec. "B" v. China "A," Chinese ground.
St. Joseph's "A" v. Club de Rec. "A," Navy "A" ground.
Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.
St. Joseph's "B" v. China "B," Club ground.
Kick-off at 2.15 p.m.
Interport Trial.
Hongkong v. The Rest, Club ground.
Kick-off at 3.45 p.m. sharp.

The return game between the Recreio and St. Joseph's "A" should be interesting. Both have a chance in the league, but the Recreio have a better position and on present form should win. They were successful in the previous game by three clear goals.

Surreys should repeat their performance against the Drums and thereby maintain their lead at the top of the league. Sacred Heart should also register another win. Kowloon will find the Club Reserves a much improved team, and although they will have the advantage of ground, I think the Club will manage to share the points.

Recreio "B" are not likely to beat the Chinese "A." They were rather lucky in the previous game. China "B" and St. Joseph's "B" will fight hard to win and the latter start favourites.

The Interport team will be out on the Club ground at 3.45 p.m. when they will be opposed to an eleven chosen from the "Rest." The first named will play in blue and the latter in white.

The teams are as follows:—
Interport Team:—Clarke (Police); Wynne (Police) and Bishop (Club); Leung Yuk-tong (Chinese); McKelvie, Capt. (Kowloon) and Bristowe (Surreys); Charlesworth, Eaton, Hummerson (Surreys); Li Wai-tong (Chinese); and Macklesworth (Surreys).

The Rest:—Wavish (Tamar); Wheeler (Kowloon) and Hume (Petersfield); Petter (Surreys); Stewart, Capt. (Club), and A. Duncan (Kowloon); Harris (R.A.), Sun Kam-suen (Chinese); Jones (Club), Butler (Surreys) and Brown (Tamar).

The following are the arrangements for the Interport games against Shanghai:—

Saturday, January 24:—
Hongkong v. Shanghai.
Monday, January 26:—
South China v. Shanghai.
Wednesday, January 28:—
United Services v. Shanghai.
The start each day will be at 3.45 p.m. sharp. H.E. The Governor, H.E. The Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, H.E. The General Officer Commanding, The Commodore and Sir Claud Severn have kindly consented to be present.

By kind permission of Colonel Montague Bates and officers, the Band of the East Surrey Regiment will play before and during the interval at the Hongkong v. Shanghai game.

It is understood that arrangements are being made to get the Band of H.M.S. "Hawkins" for the Services game on January 28, if they are disengaged.

The seating accommodation will be confined to two stands. All seats will be numbered and can be booked. This applies to all three games. Booking will open at the Anderson Music Store on Monday, January 17.

The following is the League table to-date:—

First Division.		Goals.
	P.W.D.L.F.A.Pts.	
Surreys	10 0 1 32 7 18	
China "A"	12 8 2 2 29 11 18	
Club	11 5 1 5 20 12 11	
Police	13 4 3 6 12 19 11	
R.A.	9 5 0 4 15 20 10	
Kowloon	9 4 1 4 21 13 9	
Tamar	11 4 1 6 12 15 9	
China "B"	12 0 0 12 5 49 0	

Second Division.		Goals.
	P.W.D.L.F.A.Pts.	
Surreys	14 12 1 44 9 25	
Rec. "A"	13 11 1 72 5 23	
St. Joseph's "A"	14 10 1 30 18 21	
Drums	14 9 1 4 30 18 19	
Kowloon	14 7 6 7 31 26 14	
China "A"	14 4 5 5 27 30 13	
Rec. "B"	15 4 3 8 20 35 11	
Club	13 4 2 7 22 10	
University	12 3 2 7 21 31 7	
Sacred Heart	13 2 3 8 17 33 7	
China "B"	15 2 3 10 11 45 6	
St. Joseph's "B"	12 1 4 7 24 40 6	

ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING DAY.

The prizes won by the scholars of the Ellis Kadoorie School, Hospital Road, were distributed this afternoon by Mrs. R. E. O. Bird in the presence of a large gathering.

Sir Claude and Lady Severn graced the occasion with their presence, and there were also on the platform Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. F. J. de Rome, and Lady Gibb.

The following report for the year 1924 was read by Mr. R. E. O. Bird, M.A., the Headmaster:

The school year terminated at the end of last November, when the whole school was examined in every subject. The results of the examination were satisfactory. All the "A" divisions did very well and 6D remarkably well. Class 4A was handicapped by the absence of Mr. Mycock who was in hospital for three months. I am glad to say he has now recovered from his three operations.

In March Mr. Cheng Kai-in resigned. He had been with us for many years, having served under Mr. Braidwood before the school was taken over by Government in 1915. His services were very great. He was, I believe, here for many years and took a great interest in making the library a success. He has very kindly donated to the school the two boards which we see at the back of the hall and which contain much good advice for the benefit of the scholars. His duties as Librarian have been taken over by Mr. Lo Ki-san.

We were pleased to have Mr. Mok Lu-nam, one of our old boys, appointed as a teacher in April. He has lately taken over the duties of sports master from Mr. Cheung Wai-lai.

In June, Mr. Yik Kai-cheong and Mr. Lo Wai-kwan came to us from the Hongkong University and are both doing good work here.

Mrs. Holland, Miss Kennedy and Miss Lewis have come and gone.

In September, Miss Hall was transferred to Kowloon British School. She had been with us since October, 1921, and had been in entire charge of the drawing. Her teaching was producing very good results. Her removal was a great loss to the art side of the school as all drawing lessons have now ceased.

The vernacular side has been under the supervision of Mr. Lau Tsoi. Model lessons have been given in the hall by vernacular teachers every Wednesday and Saturday morning with satisfactory results. Out of 672 examined in Chinese, 624 passed and 48 failed.

The maximum enrolment for the year was 747, and the total number on the registers during 1924 was 864.

In sports we have won the Junior Basketball League and the Small Boys' Volley Ball League.

The Scouts under Scoutmaster Lam Kwan-shan and Assistant Scoutmasters Lu Po-shan and Leung Kim-shu have been very energetic during the year. They now number 36 and are always to the fore at keeping order and helping in any ceremony. They went into camp twice during this year, gave life-saving demonstrations in July at Kennedy Town and North Point and helped in the "flood relief" processions and bazaar. Sir Henry Gollan has very kindly consented to become their President.

On the national holiday, October 10, the school hired the World Theatre and gave a concert there before a packed audience which greatly appreciated every item. The arrangements were all made by the boys and everything was very smoothly and creditably carried out.

We had a number of swimming excursions, but we were unfortunately in the weather allotted to us. However, thanks to the three days' swimming campaign at the Y.M.C.A. in which every non-swimmer took part, and to the other facilities given them, the vast majority of the boys can swim and some of them very well.

Mrs. Hewer has continued her singing lessons with the lower classes and I am of opinion that the boys who learn singing get a better pronunciation than those who do not. Whenever we have any small function, singing is an appreciated item on the programme.

We concluded the school year with a walk from Kowloon City to Shatin which was successfully accomplished by 450 of us.

We beg to thank Lady Severn and yourself for so kindly coming here to-day. You have been present at every prize-giving and your interest in the school has been a great compliment and stimulus to the boys. This year 46 boys competed for the prizes you have given and 256 drawings and paintings were handed in.

This is the first time that Mrs. Bird has appeared on this platform. If you are as pleased to see her here as I am, you will share my regret that this is the last prize-giving she will attend here. I am afraid I shall be to blame for that. However we shall both of us watch with interest the progress of the School and shall be delighted to hear of its continued prosperity which I hope and believe will be great.

I thank the staff for the way in which they have carried out their duties. I am pleased to say that during the many years I have been here, I have always had their ready and willing support. I beg to thank the Committee of the Po Leung Kuk, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Kwok Yu-ping, Mr. Cheng Kai-in, Messrs. Chung Sun and the Commercial Press for donations to the prize fund.

SIR CLAUD SEVERN'S ADDRESS. Sir Claud Severn then addressed the gathering. He said in part:—I am sure you will all feel gratified at having Mrs. Bird here to present the prizes to you. Mr. Bird has said that this will be the first and last time she will be able to do so. I cannot believe that this is the case. It is true that Mr. Bird is retiring from the Government service and leaving the Colony. As an old resident, I cannot believe he will be contented to remain in England and not come back to see how development is going on. I am perfectly certain that they will again be present on the platform and take part in the proceedings. Mr. Bird has said in his report that I have been present at almost every prize-giving, and this is the fact. I am looking forward to this occasion every year, and I think this morning I see a larger gathering than I have ever seen before. I am pleased to see that the report on the school is generally satisfactory. Your activities and your studies seem to be developing on right lines, and the work of the Scouts is one of the most satisfactory features of the school. Their activities embrace many useful objects, and I hope under their new President, Sir Henry Gollan, they will continue to do the excellent work they have done since their formation.

As you have said, Mr. Bird, that this is the last time you will be present here as Headmaster, I can only congratulate you on the success of your work here for close on ten years, and I am sure you will always look back with great pleasure to your work here and the successful results.

Sir Claud Severn, in concluding, expressed his regret and that of the scholars at Mr. Bird's departure. Reference was also made by Sir Claud Severn to the successful swimming results, and the usefulness of the singing classes. Special mention was made of the two water colour drawings by Fan Chun-wing, for which he had no hesitation in awarding the first prize. There was great difficulty in deciding on the second prize, but Ng Tai-chuen had done an extremely good Chinese landscape—a style different from the others—and also a good flower study. He hoped the three who were commended for their work would continue in their studies and win prizes next time.

The prizes were then distributed by Mrs. Bird, and the gathering dispersed after the usual cheers.

PRIZE LIST. Scholarships, 1923:—Lau Chu-pak Scholarship:—Tso Nai-shung. Tai Yau Scholarship:—Wong Cheuk-hing.

Scholarships, 1924:—Lugard Scholar:—Lau Pui-ki. Full Free Scholarships to Queen's College:—Pau Noon-tat, Wu Yum-yu, Lo Hew-kwan, Ma Pook-yan, Fung Yu-shuen.

Half Free Scholarships to Queen's College:—Tsim Man-chun, Lau Koon-kau.

Tai Yau Scholarship:—Ip Shiu-san. Lau Chu-pak Scholarship:—Cheung King-pak.

Ho Kom-tong Scholarship:—Lau Yu-chuan. Chan Kai-ming Scholarship:—Pang Shiu-kwong.

Mrs. Lau Chu-pak Scholarship:—Li Yu-wa. Ho Kom-tong Scholarship:—Wong Yuk-shu.

Mrs. Lau Chu-pak Scholarship:—Lee Chun-ting. Ho Kom-tong Scholarship:—Tsui Chiu.

Chan Kai-ming Scholarship:—Pang Oi-kun.

ENGLISH CLASSES. 4A.—Lau Lim-pan, Tsui Hung-chiu.

4B.—Chow Pak-tau, Yin Chan-pui.

4C.—Chung To-fat, Tso Po-shee.

5A.—Un Chin-fah, free scholarship: (1) Wong Kam-suen, (2) Lau Shing-ki.

5B.—Fung Hing-kun, Lam Shun-ye.

5C.—Chung Sung-to, Tsang Wing-chi.

5D.—Chau Hong-wing, Lee Yu-shing.

SCHOOL CRICKET.

WEDNESDAY'S "FRIENDLY" MATCH.

On Wednesday, the Diocesan Boys' School sent a cricket team to the "Varsity" ground, Pokfulam, where they met with defeat from a team, (twelve-a-side) captained by Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby-Fane.

Diocesan School.			
S. V. Glittins, b. Sudan	7		
W. Hunt, b. Sudan	7		
J. L. Youngsaye, c. Ng, b. Sling	24		
F. Zimmer, c. Barnes, b. Ponsonby-Fane	3		
L. Gutierrez, b. Sling	0		
A. Nomanbhoy, b. Sling	9		
D. Anderson, b. Ponsonby-Fane	12		
E. S. Cunningham, c. Zimmer, b. Sling	4		
R. Gerrard, l.b.w. Ponsonby-Fane	5		
J. Fox, b. Ponsonby-Fane	0		
E. Goddard, c. E. Zimmer, b. Ponsonby-Fane	4		
E. Lee, not out	1		
Extras	7		
Total	87		

Bowling Analysis.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Sudan	10	3	17
B. P. Ng	70	1	19
Sling	8	1	23
Ponsonby-Fane	53	0	19

Mr. Ponsonby-Fane's Team.			
F. Zimmer, l.b.w. Nomanbhoy	0		
J. W. Barnes, b. Nomanbhoy	11		
W. H. Sling, b. Nomanbhoy	16		
G. Keeton, b. Goddard	3		
V. F. Viccajee, st. Gutierrez, b. Lee	19		
B. N. Sudan, b. Nomanbhoy	4		
B. P. Ng, b. Youngsaye	53		
D. E. Commislate, c. Youngsaye, b. Lee	4		
H. T. Barnes, b. Glittins	11		
N. Karamjee, c. Youngsaye, b. Lee	22		
C. K. Ong, not out	18		
Extras	13		
Total (for 10 wickets)...	174		

R. A. B. Ponsonby-Fane did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Nomanbhoy	15	3	44
Zimmer	9	1	14
Goddard	7	0	30
Glittins	6	1	37
Youngsaye	5	0	21
Lee	4	0	15

To-morrow's Teams. C.R.C. v. I.R.C.

The following will represent the C.R.C. in the above match to-morrow, at 2 p.m.—Ng Sze-kwong (Captain), H. C. Hung, H. Ching, C. Choa, W. Hung, Yung Hip-lun, Chau Kwan-lam, Ng Sze-cheung, C. Wong, Wong Po-sun and Wan Lu-shing.

This match will take place on the I.R.C. ground, and not on the fixtures.

H.K.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the University in a friendly match against the Hongkong C.C. to-morrow, on the H.K.C.C. ground.—H. N. Balhatchet (Captain), Rev. E. K. Quick, F. A. Redmond, A. S. Hett, R. A. Ponsonby-Fane, T. E. Yeoh, T. O. Yeow, J. L. Youngsaye, S. O. Shahabudin, S. Hachiuma, B. P. Ng.

6A.—Lu Fung-kwan, Ng Hing.

6B.—Chui Mau-i, Choi Kwok-yun.

6C.—Leung Man-leuk, U Pak-choi.

6D.—Lau Tan-cheuk, free scholarship: (1) Wong Wing-chung, (2) Chan King-hoi.

7A.—Lam Wai-tung, free scholarship: (1) Wu Ki-cheuk, (2) Chan Wai-chit.

7B.—Lee Kow-tung, Ho Cheuk-ying.

7C.—Chau Nai-chung, Li Yuen-shun.

7D.—Lau Chak-sang, Wong Shut-hi.

8A.—Tsui Po-yuen, Lam Shiu-pun.

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8IB.—Wong Sik-chau, Lai Chi-tuen.

8IC.—Lai Yue-kun, Chung Kwong-chit.

CHINA NEW YEAR.

ANNUAL BAZAAR OPENS.

SEARCH FOR BARGAINS.

Inclement weather has given an inauspicious start to the bazaar always held on the eve of China New Year.

Police regulations forbade the setting up of street stalls till yesterday—ten days before the big day. Yesterday, bazaar stall-holders "pegged out their claims" by putting up empty cases but even to-day most of the stands were still bare.

Last night there were a fair number of shoppers out but active purchasing does not generally start till Monday. To-morrow or Sunday, householders will render tribute to the "Kitchen God," the chin chin joss being in the nature of a thanksgiving service for food provided through the kitchen during the year. After this service has been gone through, most people will commence their elaborate system of laying in supplies for the New Year season.

There is little change in the lay-out of the bazaar. As was the case last year, the whole length of Queen's Road has been kept clear. So-called "bargains" will be found in other main streets with the knocknicks in side streets.

The general tightness of money points to financial stringency in both business and social circles and it will occasion no surprise to see things quieter than usual.

DISHONEST EMPLOYEE.

WHITEAWAY'S GOODS.

CHINESE IMPRISONED TO-DAY.

That the Police are energetically pursuing the task of rounding up criminals, and more especially trying to bring to book the perpetrators of the big robbery from Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., was shown in a prosecution entered this morning against a Chinese employee of this firm before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Central Magistrate's Court.

Acting on information received, Detective-Sergeant W. R. Chester-Woods paid a surprise visit to the home of the accused. Although no goods were found on the premises to connect him with the big robbery, there were still some articles, such as a mackintosh, cardigan jacket, pipe, Gillette razor, and belt, which called for investigation.

The accused, who was charged with the theft of the goods, pleaded not guilty, and stated that he bought most of the articles in the usual way from his employers' firm. The mackintosh, he alleged, was given to him by a relative who left for the country, and the cardigan jacket was purchased from Messrs. Sincere & Co.

The manager and an assistant of the firm gave evidence, and identified almost all the articles as being exclusively handled by them. A representative from the other establishment denied that they recently sold cardigan jackets such as the one produced in Court. The explanations put forward by the accused did not satisfy the Magistrate, who sentenced him to three weeks' hard labour.

AGROUND.

RIVER STEAMER'S MISHAP.

POSITION SERIOUS.

Going up from Hongkong to Kowloon on Wednesday night, the river steamer "San Nam Hoi" (Captain Sparks) ran aground when about half way on her journey. When passed by steamers on the down-trip in the small hours of this morning, the "San Nam Hoi" was still aground. Her condition was then deemed to be rather serious but hopes exist that she will be refloated to-day or to-night when all her cargo has been taken off.

Last night, the "Tai Lee" and the "Sunning" were taking off passengers, and it is believed, some cargo. Some Standard Oil Co. lighters were also engaged in the task of discharging the "San Nam Hoi."

Ample protection has been accorded to the "San Nam Hoi" and there is little fear of an attack in the pirate infested locality, where she happens to be aground. H.M.S. "Cicala," the Hongkong armed patrol launch "Hing Wah" and a Chinese Customs launch have all been standing by.

One of the best known of Hongkong-Kowloon steamers, the "San Nam Hoi" has been under that name for about ten years or so. Previously she was the ill-fated "Tai On" which was twice pirated in quick succession. On the second occasion the European officers and a watchman put up a gallant fight, holding out until the pirates set fire to the ship because they could not get control. At least one of the

THOSE DEBTS.

HOW AGREEMENT WAS REACHED.

BALFOUR NOTE AGAIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, January 15. The correspondence which Mr. Clementel and Mr. Churchill exchanged in Paris was published to-night. It shows that the former took the initiative in requesting Mr. Churchill to define British ideas as regards inter-Alleed debts as a subject on which France was desirous of reaching a settlement.

Mr. Churchill, replying promised to probe the matter. He said that the Cabinet in London would send an answer enabling France to present definite proposals, meanwhile repeating that the Balfour note remained the dominating guide and principle.

At the conclusion of to-day's Cabinet, which dealt specifically with debts, it was reliably reported that further discussion of details was necessary before a note to France could be expected, and a definite pronouncement was not likely for several weeks.

It may be useful to recall that the Balfour note broadly laid down the principle that Britain did not require more from her allies, and Germany together than is necessary to liquidate the British debt to America.

Belgium Pleased.

BRUSSELS, January 15. Any doubts of Belgium's feelings as regards the Paris agreement have been set at rest by the Premier's statement in the Chamber to-day that from the Belgian standpoint the negotiations have been successful beyond dispute.

SHIPPING TROUBLES.

WHOLE CREW SENT TO JAIL.

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS.

(Reuter's Service.)

MELBOURNE, January 15. The stevedores at Port Phillip have decided not to unload the "Clan Munroe."

Thirty-four of the "Moeraki" have each been sentenced to a fortnight's imprisonment for refusing to sail.

The Commonwealth Government has taken over the steamer "Nairana" to maintain communication with Tasmania, and is advertising for a crew.

INTERNEED.

IMPORTANT ACTION IN SHANGHAI.

ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE.

(Reuter's Service.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16. At a Meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and various Guilds yesterday afternoon, it was decided to finance the transportation of the interned soldiers to Tsingtao, the soldiers to be given a few dollars each when landing at their destination. It is proposed to charter a large ship and send them off in two or three days.

An American marine, who was standing on guard at the internment camp, noticed several Chinese soldiers trying to escape. He fired a few shots, killing one and wounding two.

MR. "A" CASE.

SEQUEL IN POLICE COURT.

HOBBES FOR TRIAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Asiatic Petroleum Company's oil tanker "Abella," after leaving Teluk Anson, broke her tail shaft with the result that the propeller sank and the steamer now lies stranded.

Peking's Chief Executive, Marshal Tuan Chi-jui, is reported by the Chinese press to have sent an agent to Shanghai to borrow \$300,000 for him to meet administrative expenses. It is said that the loan has already been arranged. The Ministry of Finance is also reported to be borrowing \$800,000 to tide over the Chinese New Year. The sale revenues will be used as security.

The outward bound Bibby liner "Leicester" (Capt. Geo. English, in command), arrived at the Colonbo on December 30 from Liverpool. She experienced very bad weather right through the voyage, particularly when nearing Colombo, strong head winds making her progress slow. On Christmas Day, a violent storm was cast over the ship by the typhoon, and the Chief Engineer, Mr. A. J. Farish, it is not known how Mr. Farish met with his death, but it is presumed that he either fell overboard accidentally and got drowned or committed suicide.

Within the pages of "The Blue Peter" are always to be found travel episodes which will awaken longings in the mind of the most insular and provide even the most experienced globe-trotter with something new. "The Blue Peter" is a monthly magazine of sea travel of the type one glories in getting hold of during a long voyage. The December number contains stories and articles of the usual high standard on such topics as "Virgil's Sea Sense," "Crossing Tyne Bar in 1854," "The Desert Mail," "The Growth of Empire," and "An Odyssey of Empire," all of which are written by men and women with a thorough acquaintance with their respective subjects.

The Atago Police Station in Tokyo received a strange caller last week. A man, dressed in his best with haori and hakama, carrying a small bag, presented himself to the Prince Regent. He said that he had been ordered by Prince Takamatsu to convey to the Regent, whom he greatly loved, his store of precious pearls. He then opened the bag and poured out on the desk a lot of dirty white pebbles. He was examined by a medical officer who found out that the man was a lunatic from Otsu where he had been in confinement for many years. He had managed to escape from the upper room which had been his cell, and came up to Tokyo to fulfil his strange duty.

The Japanese All-Champion Basketball team from St. Paul's University, Tokyo, have returned to Japan after playing an interesting series of games here.

According to a report issued by the Shanghai Rice Guild there was stored in the International Settlement during December last 79,230 piculs of rice, of which 44,449 piculs were in the stores on the northern side of Soochow Creek.

A Chinese press telegram from Hankow reports about 700 soldiers, 100 officers, and 40 "politicians" accompanied Marshal Wu Peifu to the Hsi San (the West Hills), near Wuchang, and have taken with them a food supply which will last for at least eight months.

According to the "Manchuria Daily News," the Foreign community at Mukden, under an understanding with Major-General Chang Hsueh-liang, is maturing the plan to lay out an ideal race-course about the Golf Links belonging to the Mukden Club. On the other hand, the Mukden Horse Race Club (Japanese) is also pushing forward its plan to hold formal races at a new course to be laid out about the railway town.

The largest Department Store in Hokkaido, the Imai in Sapporo, was totally destroyed by fire last week. At about ten o'clock flames were seen bursting out of the basement windows and before the fire engines could be brought they had spread so rapidly that nothing could be done to stop them. The Imai is situated on Minami-cho, the busiest thoroughfare in Sapporo and for a time the adjoining buildings, the "Hokkaido Times" and the Communications Bureau were threatened. Damages will total over one million yen.

Shanghai is at last to have a model yacht pond. In the past the sailing of model craft on the ponds in Jessfield Park has been prohibited to avoid possible casualties to young people, but they will rejoice at the Council's decision, which appeared in the "Gazette," to build a pond for this purpose. The pond will be designed to render its juvenile users immune from danger and the estimated cost of construction is \$15,000. The sailing of model boats has previously been allowed under one condition, namely, if children are accompanied by adults. A reminder appeared in the "Gazette" to the effect that on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Public Works, the pastime is now absolutely prohibited, pending the building of the pond.

One case of diphtheria (British) occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended yesterday.

The B.L. "Chakrata," which was proceeding to Jaffna with cargo, ran ashore, when nearing that port. She was subsequently refloated.

Eighty-three Chinese were repatriated to China on December 13 from the East Coast of Sumatra, at the expense of the Dutch Government.

A Chinese woman was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from a fractured arm as a result of a ricksha accident.

Three women and a man, owners of native small craft, were each fined \$10 at the Marine Court this morning for obstructing the southern fairway in the harbour.

A taxicab knocked down a Chinese woman at Queen's Road Central yesterday. She was injured in the leg, and conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The "Overland China Mail," the weekly edition of the "China Mail," which will be ready tomorrow, contains our two critiques of the A.D.C.'s production of "Saint Joan."

The driver of motor lorry No. 530 has reported to the police that his lorry came into collision with another belonging to the Hongkong Electric Company at Morris Gap Road yesterday. Both the vehicles were slightly damaged.

An unfortunate accident occurred on the steamer "Hong Peng" at Singapore, the chief engineer, Mr. W. W. Stewart, falling eighteen feet into the hold and sustaining serious injuries to the face. The "Hong Peng" was lying in the roads at the time, and Mr. Stewart, after receiving medical aid, was taken ashore in a motor-launch and sent to hospital.

The Japanese railways at present have a rule that not more than Y. 100 compensation may be paid for any piece of baggage, however valuable, lost through the negligence of the railwaymen. The "Kobe Shimbun" reports that Dr. Sengoku, Minister of Railways, has decided that this rule must be abandoned so that compensation may be made according to value.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Perak Irishmen have resolved to defer their patriarch's annual dance this year as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Cowdy, who was killed in a motor accident. They have also resolved to call for subscriptions from Irishmen in Malaya to erect a memorial tablet in the Ipoh Anglican church.

A London message says that Mr. Augustus John, A.R.A., who is painting a portrait of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (the ex-Prime Minister) has joined the Labour Party. Mr. John is an exceedingly original artist with a special gift of insight in portraiture. He is the president of the National Portrait Society.

The marriage took place at St. Mary's Stamford Brook, on September 20, of Mr. P. E. Lascelles, second cousin to Viscount Lascelles, to Emma Leversedge, daughter of the late Thomas Leversedge and cousin to Mrs. J. C. Pasquel. The wedding party included Sir D. Bull M. P. Miss Susan Leversedge, sister of the bride and Dr. and Mrs. James Hyton Pasquel and others. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many tokens of affection and esteem from friends and relations.

The Singapore Harbour Board has just lost another old servant in the person of Mr. Henry Chopard, who has died, after a brief illness, at the age of 49. The late Mr. Chopard was a well known and familiar figure on the wharf to almost every ship master, for he held the post of assistant wharfinger and had been with the Tanjong Pagar Dock Co. and then with Harbour Board for a total period of 24 years. The deceased, who was the youngest son of Captain Chopard, a well-known Straits skipper, who lost his life at sea many years ago, leaves a widow and several children to mourn his loss, besides two brothers.

The death is announced of Mr. Harry Kurnisi, the artist, says a Reuter's message from London.

The Church of St. Joseph of Singapore was the scene of a pretty wedding of Mr. E. L. Carnegie, with Miss K. Long was solemnized.

A marriage will take place at Tientsin in February, between the Rev. Laurence Hamilton Ker, a missionary at Kirin, and Miss Katherine Margaret Manson, a missionary at Wuhuei, Honan.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Kohloff, and Miss Kohloff have left Singapore by the B.L. steamer "Teesta" en route for Bangalore. Mr. Kohloff was for many years stationed in Malaya with the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company.

The will of the late Mrs. Florence King Harding, widow of President Harding has been filed for probate at Marion, Ohio. The bulk of her estate, which is estimated at \$500,000 (approximately £100,000), is left to Jeanne and George De Wolfe, her grandchildren, who are 15 and 12 years old respectively.

M. Thomas Edward Collett, F.R.I.B.A., of Tottenham, Herts, president Royal Institute of British Architects 1906-8, the designer of the Imperial Institute, Lloyd's Registry, etc., besides many interior decorations of ships, died on Oct. 7, aged 84, left estate of the gross value of £190,774, with net personalty £13,841.

Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught, who are now in India, arrived at Delhi on a visit to the Viceroy and Lady Reading on Thursday, January 15. They next stopping place will be Lucknow, then Lahore, Peshawar, Rawalpindi, and Benares. They will return to Calcutta on February 1, being due at Rangoon on the 17th to leave for Europe early in April.

According to a Reuter cable from Washington to-day, President Coolidge's Secretary, Mr. Slomp, announces his early retirement and return to law practice.

Mr. Irvin, who perished in the last Mount Everest Expedition, left £6,000. Mr. Meyer Elias Sassoon left English estate worth £65,000. His will opens with a declaration that his domicile of origin is British India and it is added that he intended to retain such domicile.

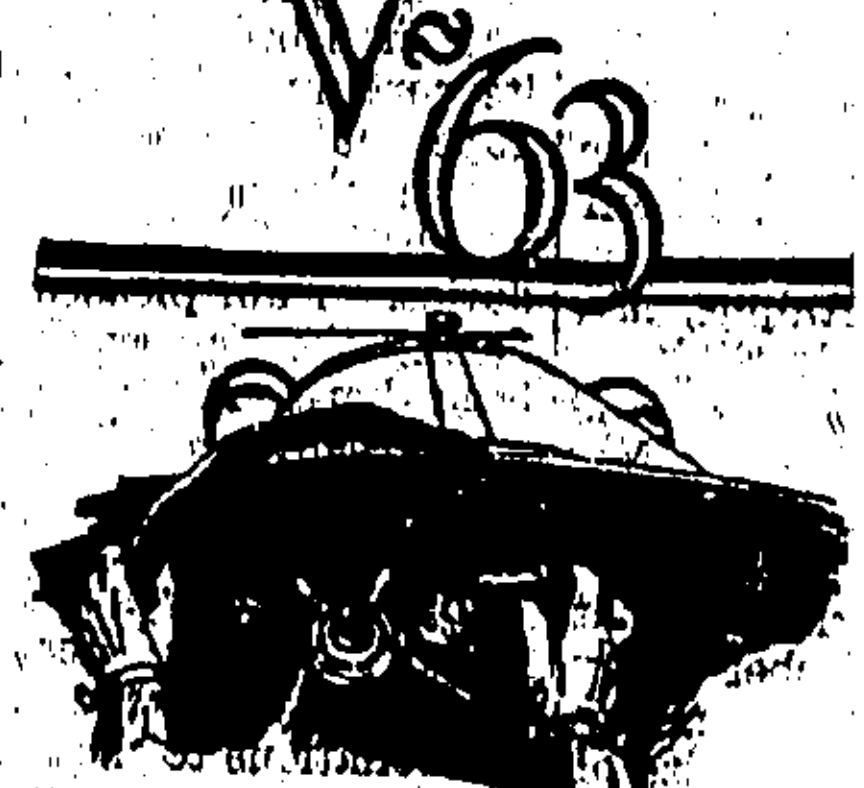
The engagement is announced between Cynthia Dorothy Lowe, eldest daughter of the late Mr. A. D. Lowe, of Shanghai and Stamford, and Mrs. Ingram, of Penang, and Gordon Campbell Catto, of the Straits Trading Co., Butterworth, second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Catto, of Widnes, near Liverpool. The marriage will take place on January 31.

There are various reports regarding the envoy chosen for the return of Mr. Marital Merin's visit to Japan. The "Asahi" says that Prince Yamagata (son of the late Prince Yamagata, and lately Civil Governor in Kwantung, where his rigid and pragmatic methods caused trouble) is the chosen envoy. The "Jiji" states that Baron Matsui, one-time Ambassador to France, will go, and the "Miyako" says the choice has fallen on Viscount Uehara, formerly Minister for War, and well-known in France, where he lived for some years. They all agree, this time, that the departure will be towards the end of January.

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Mr. Leonard Kip Rhineland, a scion of one of the oldest and richest of New York's aristocratic families and the heir to a fortune of \$20,000,000, has instituted proceedings at the Supreme Court at White Plains, New York State, for the annulment of his recent marriage with Miss Alice Beatrice Jones on the ground that she is a Negress.

A fortnight ago New York gasped with amazement on learning that the son of one of its leading families had been secretly wedded to a young laundress and was living with her parents in a humble house in New Rochelle in New York State. Newspaper accounts of the romance culminated in the statement that Mr. Jones was a Negro, born in Jamaica. The bride and her parents indignantly denied this assertion, declaring that they came from Lincolnshire, England.

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1925.

GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

APPEAL FOR CO-OPERATION
LOCALLY.

HOW EDUCATION SUFFERS.

At the annual distribution of prizes of the Ying Wa Girls' School last evening Miss Hoglen (the head mistress), in presenting her report, made the interesting suggestion that an association of heads of the different schools be formed. She said: "I should like to put in a plea for more co-operation between the different girls' schools in this Colony. It seems to many of us that the schools are suffering and the education of our pupils is suffering, from the want of an association of the heads of schools, in which matters which concern us all might be talked over; steps might be taken to prevent the continual change from one school to another which is such a serious hindrance not only to the progress of the individual girl, but of the class, and links might be formed between the schools which would be a source of strength to us all."

The presentation of prizes was performed by Mrs. J. R. Wood and took place in the auditorium of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in the presence of a large gathering of parents and friends of the girls. The Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling presided, and among those supporting him were the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce and Mr. J. R. Wood. Several short speeches were made during the evening, exhorting the pupils to keep their ideals and do their best in their studies.

After the formal part of the programme had been carried out, the pupils entertained those present with selections of songs and musical items.

The Year's Work.

Reviewing the work of the past year, Miss Hoglen said: "The total number of pupils enrolled for the year 1924 was 336, the largest number in attendance at any one time being 308, the highest daily attendance 299, and the average attendance for the year 277. Attendances have on the whole kept up fairly well, owing partly to the fact that, except for a slight epidemic of mumps, we have had very little illness among the pupils. I would like, however, to urge upon parents the necessity of regular attendance if steady progress is to be made with the work. Many parents who would hesitate to keep a girl away from school for a week at a time, will make up two weeks in odd days, without realising that their daughter is missing valuable work, which is difficult and sometimes impossible to make up."

Work in all departments of the school has gone steadily forward during the year. In the High School classes the experiment of taking all subjects in English, leaving only 6 or 7 hours a week for definite Chinese bookwork and composition, has proved very successful. The progress made in the one year in English has been great, and very valuable work along modern lines has been possible in all subjects. We hope that more and more parents will not be satisfied that their girls should simply obtain the Primary Certificate, but will allow them to go on to three years or more of High School work, and perhaps to preparation for the Hongkong University Local Examinations. We are glad to have this year two graduates from the High School who have finished the three years' course after which they obtain their School Certificate, although we are always glad when girls come back for a fourth year to go on to higher work.

A Pressing Need.

From the Primary we have 15 graduates, and we hope that the parents of those girls will realise that this is only a first step, and that they will allow their daughters to pass on into the High School. The Kindergarten has done good work throughout the year, and we have to-day 16 small graduates from this department. These little people have been during the year in a makeshift, which although commodious and airy, must necessarily be only a temporary structure. One of our pressing needs is a permanent Kindergarten building, separate from the main school.

After the summer holidays we were able to welcome Miss Hutchinson from Canton, and it has made a great difference to the school to have her with us for this half-year. I should like to tender hearty thanks to the members of the staff of the school, both Chinese and English, for their loyal co-operation in the work of this year. We are also very grateful to those from outside who have helped, to Miss Watkins, who has been responsible for the Scripture teaching in the High School classes, to Mrs. Brown, who has come all the way

from The Peak to help us every week, to Mrs. Harlow for her help in the teaching of needlework in the school, to Mrs. Mitchell for medical attendance, and to Miss Ward for her lectures to the High School girls on first aid and home nursing. During the first half year, Miss Ward prepared 23 candidates for the St. John's Ambulance examination in junior home nursing, of whom all passed, and will this evening receive their certificates. We are also grateful to the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling for the time which he has given to a weekly Bible Class with the High School girls, and to the Rev. Wong Oi-fong, for constant help rendered in many different ways.

Athletic Activities.

At the beginning of the year the School playground was resurfaced at a fairly heavy cost, but we have found it well worth while, as it has made possible much more physical work than we have had before. In a crowded curriculum it is difficult to find the time one would like to give the drilling and games, but even so we have noted with satisfaction the growing keenness of the girls on this side of their school work. Our annual sports day was held on December 13, when, in addition to individual competitions, such as jumping and skipping, great interest was shown in the form races, and rounders and captain Ball matches. The usual swimming parties were arranged once a week during the summer months, and were a source of great pleasure and benefit to the girls who were allowed to join them. We hope that next summer many more of the parents will encourage their girls to take part in this healthful recreation.

The School branch of the Y.W.C.A. has done good work during the year, and has made a distinct step forward, in that the organisation has this year been entirely in the hands of the girls. The Sunday School hour every Sunday morning has been a happy time both for the older ones in the big school, and for the little ones who meet with Miss Fung in the kindergarten. Many of the girls took part in the Sunday School work for poor children in the holiday months, and one is very glad to see this willingness on their part to give up their own pleasure to do this often monotonous and tiring work in the hottest months of the year.

New School Building.

The plans for our new school are in the hands of the committee of gentlemen who, with the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling as President, Mr. Chan Lai-chen as Treasurer, and Mr. Tsing as Secretary, have generously promised to undertake the raising of funds for this much needed new building. Our friends at Union Church have been thinking of us, and after many months of work held a sale shortly before Christmas, and sent us \$1,000 as the result, thus making possible one class-room in our new building. Mr. R. E. Pearce has also very generously sent us a similar gift. Are there no friends in this room to-night, or into whose hands this report may come who would do likewise? On all sides our work is cramped and hindered for want of space, and it is with great regret that we have to say to the majority of the new girls who wish to enter school at the beginning of term, "There is no room for you." With the growing population of Hongkong, and the increasing popularity of girls' education, the need of more accommodation for girl scholars grows more urgent every year, and any gift towards the new Ying Wa Girls' School will be a real contribution towards the general educational work of Hongkong.

May I, too, add one word about the co-operation of parents with the school. We often feel that the connection between home and school is very slight, that the girls are almost, as it were, living two separate lives, and we feel that these should be blended into one. May I say how glad we always are to have visits from the parents, we like you to see the school in which your daughters are being educated, we like to talk over with you our aims and ideals, we want to feel that these two most important factors in a girl's life, her home and her school, and working hand in hand along the best and soundest lines. Your hope for your daughters, our ideal for our scholars, surely is that they may grow up to be good, useful, God-fearing women, taking their place in the work of the world. Let us co-operate in the attainment of this ideal."

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LETTER TO MOSCOW
PAPER.

ADVICE TO SOVIET.

The following letter has been addressed to "Izvestia," in Moscow, in reply to a request for a pronouncement on the Russian question, by Mr. Bernard Shaw. It is not a translation from a Russian translation, but a transcript of Mr. Shaw's duplicate of the original text.

Dear Sir,—I am afraid it is not possible for "Izvestia" to publish my opinion of the situation created by the abandonment of the Anglo-Russian treaties. I can only say that as the economic situation will finally dominate the political one (this, you will observe, is sound Marxism), it is quite possible that the Soviet Government will, finally get better terms, both in commercial treaties and guaranteed loans, from the present Conservative Government than the late Labour Government dared offer.

A PROVERB IN POINT.

An English proverb says, "One man may steal a horse when another may not look over a hedge." A Tory Government, under pressure of the commercial demand for trade with Russia, is quite likely to steal the horse at which Mr. MacDonald hardly dared look over the hedge. I therefore advise the Soviet to await the inevitable in a spirit of Marxian fatalism, and in the meantime to develop Russian foreign trade in all permitted directions as energetically as possible.

But I must add—and here my opinion may embarrass "Izvestia"—that the Soviet Government would do well to dissociate itself from the Third International as speedily as possible, and to tell Mr. Zinovieff plainly that he must choose definitively between serious statesmanship and cinematic schoolboy nonsense if the Soviet Government is to be responsible to Europe for his proceedings, which will, otherwise, make Mr. Rakovsky's position here almost impossible.

RUSSIAN NOVICES.

I am not referring to the forged letter, but to a far graver matter. The constitution of the Third International has been translated and published in the London "Times" newspaper, and the bourgeois idealism and childish inexperience of men and affairs which it betrays in every line have given a serious shock to the friends of the Soviet in England.

From the point of view of English Socialists, the members of the Third International do not know even the beginning of their business as Socialists; and the proposition that the world should take its orders from a handful of Russian novices, who seem to have gained their knowledge of modern Socialism by sitting over the drawing-room stove and reading the pamphlets of the Liberal Revolutionists of 1848-70, makes even Lord Curzon and Mr. Winston Churchill seem extreme modernists in comparison.

MARX AND MOSES.

Until Moscow learns to laugh at the Third International, and realizes that wherever Socialism is a living force instead of a dead theory, it has left Karl Marx as far behind as modern science has left Moses, there will be nothing but misunderstandings, in which Russia will correspond solemnly the dozen most negligible cranks in England, both of them convinced that they are the proletariat and the Revolution and the Future and the International, and God knows what else.

I speak from experience; for this is not the first time such international misunderstandings have arisen. For many years after the death of Marx, Friedrich Engels kept the German Social-Democrats estranged from all the really effective English Socialists because he was unable to conceive that he and Marx, two old men living in the most jealous isolation from all independent thinkers, had been swept aside and left behind by the very movement they had themselves created. Nearly ten years elapsed before Liebknecht and Bebel woke up to the real situation, which was (as it still is) that the living centre of English Socialism was in the Fabian Society and the Independent Labour Party, and not in the suburban bourgeois villa where the survivor of the two great Pontiffs of the Communist Manifesto lived in complete political solitude.

Mr. Zinovieff's attempt to carry on that melancholy tradition rules him out of politics. It may amuse him to dream that he and his half-dozen Marxian cronies are establishing "an iron organization" which will presently have Europe in its grasp; but all he is really doing is making Russian Communism ridiculous, and providing documents which are of the greatest help to the reaction at every General Election. The Russian writings which make the most favourable impres-

"NO RECEIPTS."

CURIO DEALERS TO PAY FOR
GOODS.

In the Summary Court yesterday afternoon before the Punsu Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz), Tsunetaro Kinoto sued Matsumura and Co. (G. Matsumura), 6 Arsenal Street, curio dealers, for \$354.13, being the balance due on goods sold and delivered.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. M. M. Wadson and defendant by Mr. B. H. Wadson.

Plaintiff said that he sold goods to the value of \$1,500 to defendant, and all the goods he sent were ordered. He sent bills at different times to defendant.

Mr. Wadson said that the case for the defence was that defendant was to sell goods for plaintiff on a commission basis. Both defendant and his wife had paid money to plaintiff day by day. All the goods he bought were paid for.

Defendant corroborated Mr. Wadson, adding that though he paid over money he did not get receipts.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff with costs.

GOLD OR GILT?

ALLEGED CLEVER, LYING
WOMAN.

Arising out of the case at the Kowloon Magistrate in which a Chinese woman was convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment for attempting to pawn a pair of gilt bangles, pretending that they were gold, Mr. D. McCallum, yesterday made an application for the rehearing of the case.

Mr. McCallum pointed out that the bangles had been examined by an expert who said they were genuine gold, and that was the reason for the application. The woman asked the pawnbroker for \$15.

His Worship pointed out that there was evidence on the other side that the price she asked for the bangles was \$30, and when she said she only asked \$15 for them she was lying.

His Worship, in refusing the application, said in his opinion this was an invention on the part of the woman's people. The whole thing was a clever fraud, and he must refuse the application.

It was agreed, however, that Mr. McCallum and his Worship should further discuss the matter in Chambers.

sion here are those of Mr. Trotsky; but even he has allowed himself to speak of Mr. H. G. Wells with a contempt which shows that he has not read Mr. Wells' "Outline of History," and has therefore no suspicion of what "an enormous" advance on "Das Kapital" that work.

VICTORIAN PROPHECIES.

It is this amazing Russian combination of brilliant literary power and complete emancipation from bourgeois illusions with an absurdly superstitious reverence for the early Victorian prophets of the London suburbs, that makes the literature of the Russian revolution at once so entertaining and so hopeless.

When even a mind and character as strong as Lenin's was so paralyzed by this superstition that when Mr. Wells laughed at the Marxian idols in Moscow he seemed to Lenin to be, not exercising one of the elementary critical rights of a free-thinker, but divine greatness that he was too "petty bourgeois" to realize what hope is there of any understanding for Mr. Sidney Webb (another English writer who has gone far beyond Marx), or for Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, or may I say for myself?

I sound this alarm because the Soviet Government must wake up to Western realities unless it wishes to become the main bulwark of Capitalist Imperialism in Europe and America.

LITERARY ROMANCING.

Mr. Zinovieff and his Third International did not intend to wreck an English General Election in the capitalist interest, and thereby make the Sudan a present to the British Empire and the River Nile a present to the Sudan Plantations Syndicate; but this is precisely what they did by their inopportune literary romancing, which it suits our governing classes very well to pretend to take seriously. If that sort of thing continues, and the Soviet Government also pretends to take it seriously, or, worse still, does actually take it seriously, then all hope of solidarity between Socialism in the West and East of Europe will fade out, and we must go our own way—in England—without more regard to the policy of Moscow than Moscow has for the policy of Madagascar.

Faithfully,
G. BERNARD SHAW,
10, Adelphi-terrace, London,
W.C.2.
November 29.

"CYTHEREA."

THE CORONET'S SPLENDID
NEW PICTURE.

Bewis Stone and Alma Rubens make an ideal pair in "Cytherea," which was shown for the first time at the Coronet last night, when there was a splendid and most appreciative house. Lewis Stone takes the part of a hubby, with hair slightly tinged with grey, who has not entirely lost the spirit of romance. Alma Rubens is not the wife of his choice; not the mother of his children. She is the ideal in his mind of what a real, sweet-heart should be, and she plays the part to perfection.

The story is based on the great American novel, "Cytherea," by Joseph Hergesheimer, which created a furore in literary circles in the great American continent, setting up almost a new record in book sales. The book has naturally passed through many editions, and ought to be easily procurable at any of the libraries or booksellers' shops in Hongkong.

No better groundwork for the picture could be had than the tropical beauties of Cuba, where the hero proposes to his wife to spend his second honeymoon, only to be thwarted for petty domestic reasons. Still her heart is set on the holiday, and he accordingly goes off one fine day, leaving his wife and the children to look after themselves—the fault of his, to be sure. The fault—or the subsequent fault, that is—or his part was in "falling in love" with the ideal of his heart, whom he met by chance in Cuba; an ideal that corresponded with the ideal of a China doll which he had cherished in his home.

See the denouement at the Coronet to-day.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

GLORIA SWANSON'S JEST.

Gloria Swanson showed marked propensities as a practical joker during the filming of "Beyond the Rocks," her new Paramount picture showing at the Queen's Theatre this week, when she made Rodolph Valentino, her leading man, the butt of a practical joke which caused hearty laughter.

During the filming of a scene in an Alpine tavern, Mr. Valentino, seated in the dining room, finds a lace handkerchief. He lifts it to his nose, and is entranced by the perfume.

Miss Swanson conspired with the property man in preparing a duplicate handkerchief in which were concealed several pieces of garlic!

At the last rehearsal Miss Swanson whispered to Sam Wood, director, to note the result. Slowly and with a beatific smile, Mr. Valentino lifted the dainty kerchief to his nose, and then a look of infinite disgust overspread his features, followed by one of surprise, till the shrieks of laughter from the star and others told him it was a joke.

The Manila Vaudeville Company presented a fine show at the Queen's Theatre yesterday to an appreciative audience. The singing and dancing of the Misses Miami, Dimple and Millie were of a high order, and their costumes would have done credit to any modiste in Paris.

"ROSITA" AT THE STAR.

MARY PICKFORD DRAWS
GOOD HOUSES.

"Rosita" is a picture that never tires in the telling—and it never tires in the screening, judging from its reception session after session at the Star after being shown at the Coronet.

"Rosita" may well be described as one of the most artistically beautiful photo-plays produced by United Artists Corporation. The theme was not hit upon by Mary Pickford by accident or chance; it took weeks and months of solid labour, with a world of research work to make the proper scenes and settings suitable for Old Spain.

The result speaks for itself in this most admirable picture with Mary Pickford in the chief rôle.

Mary Pickford makes a perfect Catalina type, as well she may, for it is not generally known that she had a Spanish great-grandmother. The latter was in Spain when Mary's great-grandfather met her and married her, of course—hence the Spanish strain in Mary may be partly responsible for her great success in portraying the little Spanish street singer.

Moreover, in re-creating the scenes in the little Spanish city of Toledo, Mary had the advice of Snitz Edwards who took a theatrical company to Spain and thus gained most valuable first-hand information that ensured absolute accuracy in the picture.

Our readers are advised that to-day and to-morrow will see the close of the "Rosita" season at the Star—at the usual prices, please note.

AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING.

ARREST OF WHOLE CREW.
(Reuter's Service.)

Melbourne, January 15. Thirty-four of the crew of the steamer "Moeraki," who refused to sail because some firemen were absent were arrested and charged with having wilfully disobeyed the lawful commands of the Master.

The Federal Government has decided to charter vessels to maintain the essential services so as to relieve the distress. Hundreds of Tasmanians are offering to man the vessels in the event of the seamen refusing.

A SUGAR FAMINE.
Perth (W.A.), January 16. A sugar famine exists as a result of the shipping trouble. Other foodstuffs are scarce.

BOMBAY OUTRAGE.

REWARD OF 10,000 RUPEES.
(Reuter's Service.)

Bombay, January 15. An application to the police for protection by Muntaz Begum on the ground that her life may be endangered when she is released from hospital, was granted.

The Government of India has sanctioned a reward of 10,000 rupees for information leading to the discovery of the instigators and perpetrators of the crime.

Muntaz Begum was one of the party of motorists who were held up by a gang of outlaws in the Malabar Hill residential quarter on Tuesday evening, when one of the party was murdered, and she and other of the occupants were wounded. The previous murder case stated that she had been murdered.

ALLIES' FINANCE.

SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE.
(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 15. The newspapers are delighted with the outcome of the Financial Conference. They say that yesterday was a red-letter day, a landmark of post-war history. They hope that, in view of the Allied solidarity, Germany will not dare to evade her obligations. They also emphasise that the United States is now personally interested, seeing that the agreement was carried out.

Paris, January 15. The newspapers emphasise that the financial conference has reached a satisfactory agreement, thanks to the conciliatory spirit of every delegate, and that it has brought about the re-establishment of solidarity of the Allied and associated Powers.—Havas.

EX-NIHILISTS' CRIMES.

PARDON AFTER SENTENCE
OF DEATH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, January 15. Ivan Okladsky, an ex-Nihilist, sixty years of age, who was sentenced to death for his participation in the attempt to assassinate Alexander II., has been pardoned.

When Okladsky became an agent provocateur, he betrayed, during thirty-seven years, sixty revolutionaries, many of whom were executed. He was recently discovered working in a Petrograd factory. He was tried and condemned to death, the sentence being commuted to imprisonment in view of his age and the remoteness of the crimes to which he confessed.

A number of men and women who suffered imprisonment through his treachery witnessed the trial.

GENEVA PROTOCOL.

GREECE NOW PASSIVE.
(Reuter's Service.)

Athens, January 15. The Greek Government, which is a signatory of the Geneva Protocol, has decided to regard the Protocol as a dead letter.

The Protocol has been opposed locally on the ground that it would embitter racial animosities toward Macedonia.

The Government justifies its action, by, among other things, the refusal of the Baldwin Government to submit to Parliament, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's agreement with the Soviet.

London, January 15.—The result of giving strike notices by the miners of Derbyshire was disappointing from the point of view of the leaders, as no more than 40 per cent. of the men affected signed the notice.—Reuter.

Chatham (Mass.), January 15.—As a result of the efforts of the tug to haul her off, the submarine S-19 now has a heavy list to port. The crew has been transferred to coastguard vessels.—Reuter.

American Service.

CHINESE MANDATES.

SHANGHAI ARSENAL TO
BE REMOVED.

PEKING, January 15. The Cabinet this morning resolved to issue four mandates as follows:—

Firstly, abolishing the military commissioner's office of Shanghai; Secondly, saying Government has received requests from the Shanghai Chinese Chamber of Commerce for the removal of Shanghai Arsenal, which is a constant source of trouble. The Government, therefore, instructs the Shanghai Chamber to supervise suspension work at the Arsenal and arrange regarding the employees, pending definite arrangements for the removal of the Arsenal;

Thirdly, henceforth no troops will be stationed at Shanghai and no military organization will be permitted there.

Fourthly, Sun Yueh is appointed Chief of Bandit Suppression in Kansu, Shensi and Honan with Kan Yu-kun as his chief assistant. Mandates of which the above is a brief outline, will probably be issued to-night.

Feng Yuh-shiang, the Christian General, has now started for Kalgan and it is reported he intends to assume his new post. This is creating a favourable reaction from the recent pessimism.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S CABINET.

LUTHER'S REMARKABLE
TEAM.

BERLIN, January 15.

After ten days' wearisome negotiations with Party leaders, Dr. Luther, Finance Minister, has practically succeeded in forming a somewhat remarkable Government, for the majority of its members are certainly not able to be described as ardent Republicans.

For example, Herr Neuhaus, the new Minister of Economics, left the State Service because he refused to take an oath of allegiance to the Republican constitution, and out of ten Ministers whom Dr. Luther proposed to appoint, no fewer than seven belong to or are connected with the Right parties, namely German Nationals and Peoples' Party.

Consequently the Cabinet will be strongly influenced by Nationalist tendencies, especially in Home affairs, but as Herr Stresemann remains Foreign Minister, presumably the foreign policy generally will be unchanged, especially as the Centre Party holds the key to the situation and can throw the Government out in the Reichstag whenever it wishes.

The Socialists will sharply oppose the Cabinet in the Reichstag, whilst the Democrats will adopt a waiting attitude.—Reuter.

DISTILLERY CASE.

CONVICTION AND APPEAL.

The case in which the licensee of the Fook Cheong wine distillery, of Aberdeen, and a man named Wong Ki were charged with illegal removal of wine and doing business after hours was concluded at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. N. L. Smith.

Mr. White Smith (Assistant Crown Solicitor) conducted the prosecution, and Mr. M. K. Lo defended.

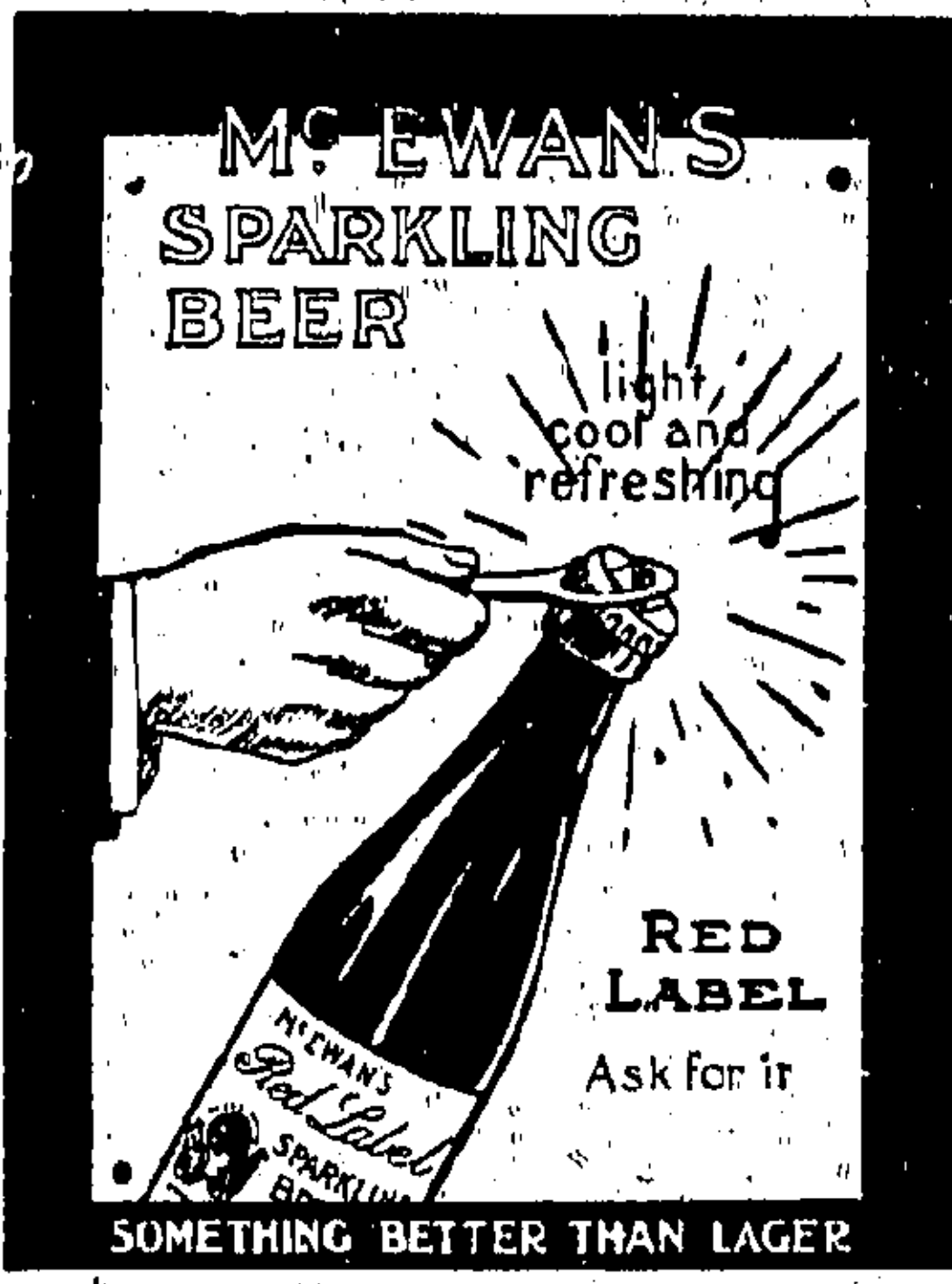
Addressing the Bench, Mr. Lo said that he would not offer much comment on the second charge as long as His Worship found that the loading of the wine into the junk was to enable the boat to sail the next morning. As regards the other charge, counsel submitted that the Crown had not proved it, as no criminal case could be sustained by evidence which did not specify the exact number of jars. The case for the prosecution was entirely based on guesswork.

The Assistant Crown Solicitor stated that of the two stories, the one given by the Revenue Officers should carry more weight, as it was part of their duty to note details, whilst Wong Ki had no reason to remember everything, especially as he appeared to be hazy in more important details during the cross-examination. The defence—that the case was the result of a conspiracy on the part of the Revenue Officers to secure a conviction—had not been proved, as no motive had been put forward.

The Magistrate found Wong Ki guilty of both the charges, and imposed the maximum fine of \$500 on each charge, remarking that he would send accused to prison but for the near approach of China New Year. The licensee was discharged.

Notice of appeal was given by Mr. Lo.

Paris, January 15.—The revenue returns from direct taxes in 1924 yielded 8,634,000,000 francs, showing an increase of 2,015,000,000 francs on 1923.—Havas.



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FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.



Below: MRS. COLIN O'MORE & MRS. CALVIN COOLIDGE.
Below: PRINCESS KETTO MIKELADZ & C.A. STONEHAM.

Charles Stoneham, owner of the New York Giants, lost a legal point when the Federal Judge, in New York City, ruled that he must answer creditors' charge that he was a partner in the bankrupt brokerage firm of E. M. Fuller & Co. Princess Ketto Mikeladz, Russian exile, is about to break a 500 year record for idleness in the Aristoff family, of which she is a member, by working for a living on the stage. Mrs. Colin O'More, known in private life as Mrs. Madeline E. Horne, has sued for divorce and \$15 a week alimony from the San Carlos Opera Company's tenor. Mrs. Calvin Coolidge has been awarded the honorary degree of doctor of laws by Boston University.



BOY BISHOP.

It is the custom at Berden, Essex, on the feast of St. Nicholas, that one of the choir boys should be duly elected "Boy Bishop of Berden" by the other singers, duly assembled in the parish church. This picture shows this year's "Boy Bishop" in his garb.



DR. M.T. DE GERIN.

Dr. Mederick T. de Gerin, noted French physician, asserts that thousands of persons die needlessly every year of pneumonia when a simple serum treatment would cure them quickly.



MAHARAJAH OF SAVANTRADI.

Captain His Highness Raja Bahadur Sir Dadasaheb Maharajah of Savantradi State, India, a province under the Bombay Government, was recently re-invested with the ruling powers by the Viceroy of India, after a dissolution of a hundred years. The Maharajah is the youngest richest man in the world.

MARRIED FOR A LARK.



MRS. W. E. MEAD.

Miss Audrey Lonnquist, daughter of a wealthy family, who married Fred Scott, nephew of Walter Dill Scott, President of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., as a secret "lark," in January, 1923, and then spent her honeymoon alone with her parents in Detroit, had that marriage annulled in May. Now she has become the bride of Theodore E. Mead, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Mead, of Monterey, Cal.

Spanish Dictator.



GEN. PRIMO RIVERA.

General Primo Rivera, Dictator of Spain, who is withdrawing Spanish troops from perilous posts in Morocco assigned to Spain under the Treaty of Algeiras, declares England and France, which are seriously affected by the Spanish retreat, will not be permitted to intervene in the war against the Rifian tribesmen.

Mr. "A's" Uncle.



MAHARAJAH SIR PRETEP SINGH.

Above is Maharajah General Sir Pretep Singh, of Jammu-Kashmir, one of the world's richest potentates. He is the uncle of the Rajah Sir Hari Singh, the mysterious "Mr. A." Sir Hari, who is officially his uncle's heir, may be disinherited, it is reported from India.

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Cape Town, January 15.

At the close of play to-day (the
first day) in the third "unofficial"
Test Match between South Africa
and Mr. S. T. Joel's XI, the scores
were:—

South Africa..... 113.

Mr. Joel's XI. 164 for 4 wickets.

For England, Garry G. (Leices-
tershire) took 6 wickets for 37runs and Tyldesley, E. (Lancs)
scored 50.South Africa won the first
match of the series of five and
England the second.**M.C.C. AT ADELAIDE TO-DAY.**

Third Australian Match.

At Adelaide, South Australia,
the third Test Match between
England and Australia com-
menced.Reuter's publication of the
teams prior to the start of the
previous match gave rise to an
expectation that the same would
happen this time. Evidently, the
teams were not picked till shortly
before play began.Presuming that there are no
casualties in the M.C.C. team, the
following of the seventeen tourists
are likely to represent England to-
day (in batting order):—J. B. Hobbs (Surrey), R. Sut-
cliffe (Yorkshire), J. W. Hearne
(Middlesex), F. E. Woolley
(Kent), E. Hendren (Middlesex),
Mr. A. P. Chapman (Berkshire,
now qualifying for Kent), R.
Kilner (Yorkshire), M. W. Tate,
(Sussex), Mr. A. E. R. Gilligan
(Sussex), captain, A. P. Freeman
(Kent) and H. Strudwick
(Surrey).Should this turn out to be
correct, it would mean that Mr.
J. W. H. T. Douglas (Essex) and
R. Tyldesley (Lancashire) have
been dropped—as compared with
the team for the second Test—in
favour of Kilner and Freeman.
These would be the only two
changes.**FOOTBALL.****ENGLISH CUP REPLAYS.**

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, January 15.

Replayed matches in the first
round proper of the Football
Association Cup, to-day, resulted
as follows:—Wolverhampton lost to Hull
0-1 after extra time.Barnsley beat Millwall by 2 goals
to 1.

Home team given first.

Millwall's exit means that the
only remaining London Third
Division (South) Club has been
knocked out.Hull are at home to Crystal
Palace, another London Club
(Second League), in the second
round and Barnsley entertain
Bradford City.**SQUASH RACQUETS.**

PRINCE BEATEN.

The Prince of Wales was
defeated in the first round of the
Amateur Squash Racquets Cham-
pionship at the Bath Club,
London, by T. Bevan, the well-
known lawn tennis player, by two
games to one, the scores being
15-7, 12-15, 15-8.Bevan won the first game com-
fortably, but the second was even
up to "10" all, when the Prince
jumped into his best form and
won it at 15-12.He, however, missed far too
many returns to the service in the
third game and Bevan obtained a
lead of 14-4. The Prince then
made a fine rally and pulled up to
14-8 before Bevan ran out."You are too strong for me,"
was his laughing comment, as he
congratulated his opponent on his
victory over a glass of ice-water.**SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.**A Wellington message of Nov.
30 states: Darcy Hadfield, the
sculling champion, has advised T.
Hannan's trainer that he is pre-
pared to row Hannan for the world's
championship. The race will prob-
ably take place early in the new
year.**BOXING.****WELTER-WEIGHT NOVICE.**Mr. B. Bennison writes to a
Home paper:—We who are
engaged on a sharp look-
out for boxers most likely
to re-create the days when
our pugilistic skill stood higher
than it does to-day went to the
National Sporting Club to see
Joe Rolfe, a Bermondsey welter-
weight who produced something
like a sensation when he hap-
pened as a novice, against Billy
Mattick, of Castleford. This
Rolfe, a hard-as-nails young
fellow, to whom a fight, I am
sure, is infinitely more appetising
than a meal, is a discovery of Mr.
"Peggy" Bettinson, and I am
disposed to agree that he has
qualities that go to make a cham-
pion. He fights naturally, though
perhaps not in a scientific way;
but with method and not as a
proper after ideas. Rolfe is Brit-
ish in his stance; he stands up-
right, he apes nothing that is
alien to our notions of how fight-
ing should be done. He is young
and impetuous, as strong, healthy
boys are wont to be. But if he
were forgetful at times of what
a left hand means, he convinced
us all that he has made progress
since last time he ventured into
the ring.Mattick is much above the
average welter; but Rolfe in the
first and second round was so
obviously his master that in each
session he had him down for long
counts, so seriously shivering his
timbers that had Mattick not been
all heart he would have capitu-
lated. It was at this stage of the
bout that Rolfe got off the rails,
so to say; he fought without the
curb on, seeking to race to vic-
tory; and Mattick, as a result,
was permitted to take a breather.
Not only so, but the gameness
that is in him came near to turn-
ing the tide against Rolfe. How-
ever, the Bermondsey youth,
though he took many blows to the
body which must have stung if
they did not hurt severely, re-
fused to break ground, and in the
seventh round, after having
Mattick down twice, he was the
winner. Mattick was knocked out.At an early date the probability
is that Rolfe will be matched for
the welter championship against
Tommy Milligan, of Hamilton,
who recently beat Kid Lewis.**THE HONGKONG**HONGKONG HOTEL, REFUGEE BAY HOTEL,
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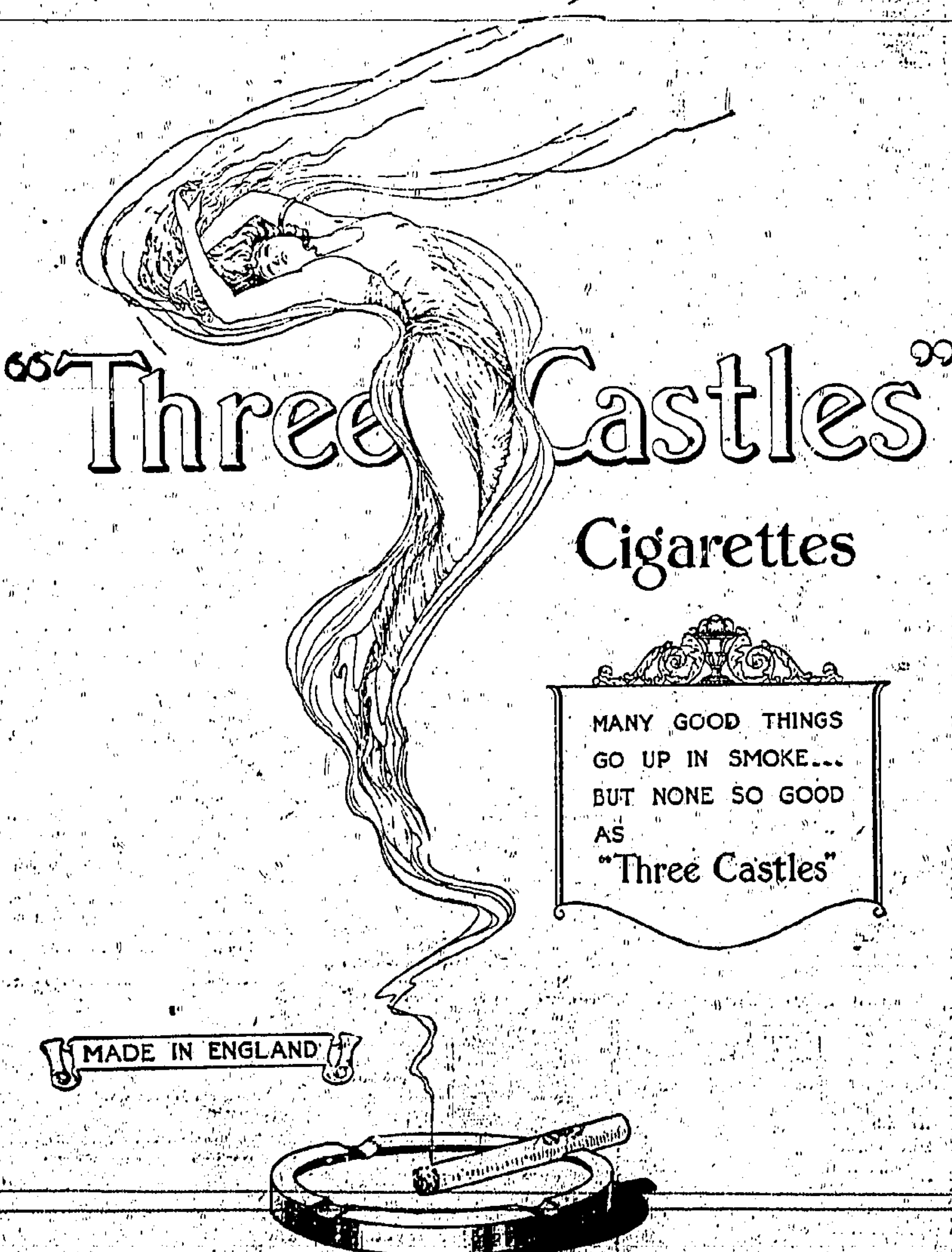
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WEATHER REPORT.

January 16d. 12h. 94m.—Pressure has increased moderately over Tongking, and slightly from Shanghai to N. Formosa. It has decreased considerably over the Bonins and moderately over central Japan. It is nearly stationary over the Philippines and Kwangtung. The Loochoos depression has moved to the north of the Bonins. A depression is still shown to the S.W. of Yap.

A strong anticyclone is central over Manchuria. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.41 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.38 inches, against an average of 0.45 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on January 17, 1925:

- 1.—Formosa Channel, N. winds, strong.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks, N. winds, fresh; overcast, rain, cold.
- 3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock, N. winds, fresh; overcast, rain, cold.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, N. winds, fresh; overcast, rain, cold.

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 15, 1925—A.M.

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